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SUBJECT: ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ON BOMB ATTEMPT

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN TOLD BY LEADERS OF THE SPANISH BOMB SQUAD (DGS) THAT THE BOMB RECENTLY DISCOVERED IN PALMA COULD NOT HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AGAINST KING JUAN CARLOS OR PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ. THEY BASE THIS CONCLUSION ON DETAILED ANALYSIS OF THE BOMB FRAGMENTS, WHICH REVEAL REMNANTS OF A PRESSURE-SENSITIVE DETONATOR BUT NO TIMING DEVICE OF ANY KIND. IT WOULD THUS APPEAR THAT THE DEVICE MAY HAVE BEEN DIRECTED AT SECURITY FORCES WHICH MIGHT FIND AND ATTEMPT TO DISARM IT. THE SAME SOURCE STATED POLICE FOUND THE BOMB DURING A ROUTINE SWEEP, AFTER THEIR ATTENTION WAS CALLED TO THE VICINITY BY AN EMPTY TANK OF BUTANE GAS, LEFT NEAR THE ROAD BY A LOCAL INHABITANT FOR REFILLING.

2. THIS ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ADDS LITTLE ABOUT THE AUTHORS OF THE ATTEMPT. TWO GROUPS HAVE NOW CLAIMED CREDIT. A GRAPO SPOKESMAN TELEPHONED A NEWSPAPER IN PALMA, CALLING IT AN "ATTEMPT AGAINST JUAN CARLOS," WHICH HE SHOULD PRESUMABLY HAVE KNOWN WAS UNTRUE. IT
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IS NOT IMPOSSIBLE, HOWEVER, THAT THE GRAPO MERELY DECIDED TO ALLOW THE ERROR TO STAND, SINCE IT HAD PRODUCED SUCH EXTENSIVE PUBLICITY. AN OTHERWISE UNKNOWN GROUP CALLING ITSELF THE REVOLUTIONARY ANTI-FASCIST MOVEMENT (MRA), SELF-DESCRIBED AS MARXIST-LENINIST, ALSO CLAIMED CREDIT FOR THE PALMA BOMB (AND FOR TWO EARLIER BOMBINGS IN MADRID AND MALAGA), IN A CALL TO A MADRID PAPER. STABLER

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